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8 **BEFORE THE**
9 **BOARD OF REGISTERED NURSING**
10 **DEPARTMENT OF CONSUMER AFFAIRS**
11 **STATE OF CALIFORNIA**

12 In the Matter of the Accusation Against:

Case No. 2013-290

13 **RENEE KNIGHT**
12340 Mesa Grove Dr
Riverside, CA 92503

A C C U S A T I O N

14 **Registered Nurse License No. 584775**

15 Respondent.

16 Complainant alleges:

17 **PARTIES**

18 1. Louise R. Bailey, M.Ed., RN (Complainant) brings this Accusation solely in her
19 official capacity as the Executive Officer of the Board of Registered Nursing, Department of
20 Consumer Affairs.

21 2. On or about August 2, 2001, the Board of Registered Nursing issued Registered
22 Nurse License Number 584775 to Renee Knight (Respondent). The Registered Nurse License
23 was in full force and effect at all times relevant to the charges brought herein and will expire on
24 July 31, 2013, unless renewed.

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1 CAUSE FOR DISCIPLINE

2 (Gross Negligence)

3 8. Respondent is subject to disciplinary action for unprofessional conduct under Code
4 section 2761(a) subdivision (1) in that Respondent was grossly negligent when she removed a
5 patient's chest tube which is a procedure that is outside the scope of her nursing license. The
6 circumstances are as follows:

7 9. On or about May 29, 2011, Respondent was working at Riverside Community
8 Hospital as a specialty nurse in angiography for the Department of Radiology. At approximately
9 2:15 p.m. Dr. S. called the radiology department, spoke to Respondent and asked her if she could
10 remove a chest tube. Respondent agreed to remove the chest tube. Dr. S. asked Respondent if
11 removing a chest tube was within her scope of practice as a registered nurse, and Respondent
12 reassured Dr. S that she was very familiar with the procedure. Respondent documented that she
13 removed a pigtail chest tube from the patient's right chest as instructed by the physician.

14 10. Respondent was not skills verified or credentialed to perform the procedure of
15 removing a chest tube.

16 12. Respondent resigned from her employment at Riverside Community Hospital while
17 this matter was being investigated.

18 PRAYER

19 WHEREFORE, Complainant requests that a hearing be held on the matters herein alleged,
20 and that following the hearing, the Board of Registered Nursing issue a decision:

21 1. Revoking or suspending Registered Nurse License Number 584775, issued to Renee
22 Knight;

23 2. Ordering Renee Knight to pay the Board of Registered Nursing the reasonable costs
24 of the investigation and enforcement of this case, pursuant to Business and Professions Code
25 section 125.3; and

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3. Taking such other and further action as deemed necessary and proper.

DATED: OCTOBER 15, 2012


for LOUISE R. BAILEY, M.ED., RN
Executive Officer
Board of Registered Nursing
Department of Consumer Affairs
State of California
Complainant

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